

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 565

Introduced by Assembly Member Yamada

February 25, 2009

An act to add Section 708 to the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 565, as introduced, Yamada. Department of Veterans Affairs: study: veterans benefits.

Under existing law, the Department of Veterans Affairs has specified powers and duties relating to veterans.

This bill would require the Department of Veterans Affairs on or before May 1, 2010, to conduct an internal study to evaluate the process by which active duty service men and women receive information regarding veterans benefits, as specified. This bill would also require the Department of Veterans Affairs to submit a reports to the Legislature, as provided.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 708 is added to the Military and Veterans
- 2 Code, to read:
- 3 708. (a) On or before May 1, 2010, the Department of Veterans
- 4 Affairs shall conduct an internal study to evaluate the process by
- 5 which active duty service men and women receive information
- 6 regarding veterans benefits, and shall determine what acts will be

- 1 necessary to improve the rate at which active duty service men
- 2 and women apply for, and receive, veterans benefits.
- 3 (b) The Department of Veterans Affairs shall, on or before
- 4 August 1, 2010, submit a report to the Legislature concerning its
- 5 findings and determinations as specified in subdivision (a).